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SUBJECT: TCDC REGIONAL MEETING FOR WEST ASIA
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NO DOCUMENTS FOR THE UNDP/ECWA MEETING ON TCDC AND WOULD NOT EXPECT SUCH TO ARRIVE IN TIME TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE. HOWEVER, QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF STANDARD POSITION PAPER WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN RECENT CONFERENCES WHERE TCDC WAS AN AGENDA ITEM.

2. U.S. OBSERVER SHOULD SEEK GUIDANCE SHOULD THE MEETING PRESS ISSUES INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF U.S. AND ITS ALLIES.

3. QUOTE

UNITED STATES POSITION:

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1. WE SUPPORT TCDC AS AN ADDITIONAL MEANS OF MOBILIZING THE UNTAPPED RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE RESERVOIR OF AVAILABLE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND TO COUNTER THE RISING COSTS OF THE TRADITIONAL FORMS OF TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

2. TCDC SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ALL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUT SHOULD NOT ENGENDER AN ELABORATE INFRASTRUCTURE. WE OPPOSE SCHEMES WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE THE PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT AID IN TERMS OF THE APPROPRIATENESS OF PROJECTS, ECONOMY OF PROCUREMENT AND EFFICIENCY OF EMPLOYMENT.

3. THE DELEGATION SHOULD OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE UNDP BY TRANSFERRING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESOURCES TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION OR TO ELIMINATE COMPETITION IN THE SELECTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES, OR TO SKEW PROGRAMMING TO SERVE NARROW POLITICAL CONCEPTS.

DISCUSSION:

"TECHNCIAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE VIEWED NOT AS A SEPARATE OR ISOLATED PROGRAMME, BUT AS A DYNAMIC PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MUTUAL SHARING WHICH SHOULD PERMEATE THE WHOLE OF UNDP ACTIVITY AND IN WHICH UNDP AND THE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD ASSUME AN ACTIVE ROLE." THIS STATEMENT IN THE INTRODUCTION TO DP/222 MERITS THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCE THE ENUNCIATION OF THE TCDC CONCEPT, WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE ENHANCED AND EXPANDED THROUGH THIS NEW APPROACH. WE HAVE ARGUED THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES (AS WAS EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED AT THE ECA MEETING ON TCDC) AND THAT THE UNDP SHOULD COLLECT INFORMATION, ARRANGE IT FOR THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND SERVE AS A BROKER OR INTERMEDIARY "BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OR INSTITUTIONS OF TWO OR MORE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ESTABLISHING A BASIS FOR TCDC OR IN ARRANGING TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM IN PARTICULAR CASES."

CONSISTENT WITH THIS POSITION, WE OPPOSE SUGGESTIONS THAT TCDC WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF UNDP SHOULD BE HONED INTO AN INSTRUMENT FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SO-CALLED NIEO, SOME OF WHICH ARE HIGHLY OFFENSIVE TO US. WE OBJECT TO AN INTERPRETATION OF TCDC WHICH TRANSLATES INTO PRIORITY SELECTION OF LDC SUPPLIERS--GENERALLY THOSE IN LDC'S WHICH BORDER UPON FULL DEVELOPED STATUS--OR WHICH WOULD SET QUOTAS TO INSURE THAT EXPERTISE FROM LDC'S IS CHOSEN AHEAD OF THAT FROM ELSEWHERE, REGARDLESS OF COMPETITIVE STATUS. WE CANNOT

ACCEPT THE ERECTION OF ELABORATE INFRASTRUCTURE OR THE

CREATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO
TCDC. TCDC, IN SHORT, SHOULD PERMEATE UNDP ACTIVITY
NOT BE CONSTITUTED A SEPARATE AND COMPETING DEVELOP-
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